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Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CLEVELAND, O., May 7.—Upon only one occasion in sixteen years, which is as far back as my personal knowledge will carry me, has the general conference been so impressively housed as it is in its present session. Balconies skirt the entire room, that leading up from the platform and the one in the rear being very deep and having a convenient incline. These are almost constantly filled with interested speciators, while the two side galleries, divided by a railing into boxes, are rented for substantial sums to rich laymen or to a syndicate embracing a number of well-to-do families. In these the wives and daughters of bishops and leading delegates hobnob with other influential visitors, and thither in the brief periods of recess is there a stampede of men from the floor, for the interchange of ecclesiastical gossip and social civilities. In the plt are the performers. But it isn't as bear, plt. though there is plenty of wrangling in it. Rather let us call it a glediatorial arena, in which the struggle of intellectual giants is the chief feature, while the music of wind instruments affords the principal diversion.

In spite, however, of their roomy situation and brilliant surroundings, the members of the conference were never less comfortable. "A question of privilege, having reference to the comfort of this body—is it in order?" has become a proverbial appeal to the chair, and it has become now a Joke which exarcely provokes a smile for the chair to reply. "Yes, if it shall only be effectual." For once these intense 'debaters have too much light on the proceedings. The conference can be considered by the proceedings. The conference isn't exactly in a giass house, though it —as many natits both individual and collective, but it has a glass roof over its head, and there's the ruly, literally so, for light and heat blaze down so forcibly upon the devoted heads of the brethren that they are kept busy rubbing off the resultant beads of perspiration. from the platform and the one in the rear being very deep and having a con-

Personnel of the Body

There are something like fifty good honest bald-heads in the body and as many more who are prominent candi-

many more who are prominent candidates for that distinction. These are the greatest sufferers, and it affords the visitor a unique spectacle to see the various head-coverings brought into use. Many keep their hats on, and others ballance copies of the Daily Advocate on their afflicted pates, while not a few use their handkerchiefs in such a way as to suggest the sort of night-caps our grandmothers used to wear. Still there are only a few old grannies in the body, and most of the delegates endure with tolerable good humor what a facetious brother called "the double affliction of the heat and the speeches."

This conference, which will occupy public attention with increasing interest as the month of May hastens toward the June roses, is composed as follows: The total number of ministerial delegates is 337. Of these 178 are presiding elders, 39 are pastors, 32 are college presidents and professors, 22 are church officials elected by the general conference and 14 are pervines in unofficial relation. The total number of laymen is 200, and their occupations are: Merchants, 29; lawyers, 23; teachers, 22; bankers, 13; physicians, 10; manufacturers, 10; insurance, 5; farmers, 5; real estate, 4; missionaries, 4; judges, 3; treasurers, 5; editors, 3; printers, 3; clerks, 2; superintendents of public schools, 2; managers, 2; local preachers, 2; jewelers, 2; United States mail service, 2; depository agents, 2; government employes, 2; retired, 2; architects, 2; and one each of the following: Hank teller, tallot, broker, music dealer, advertising agent, engineer, cashler, furniture dealer, barber, consul, mining engineer, lumber dealer, druggist, sea captain, railroad employe, fruit grower, miller, undertaker, lieutennat governor, book business, tamer. This list is so liberally inclusive that it shows the conference to be a world within itself, capable of self-support for an almost indefinite length of time, and such a thought, while the seemingly interminable wrangle over woman drags its weary course, is not without its comf speaker said as he began. "God made the world and rested, then he made man and rested, and soon after he made woman, since which time neither God nor man has resited." At last, however, a brief rest has come in the four days' debate on this question, for as I write the question itself has followed the action of the four elect women; that is, it has gone out from the body, to return, it is hoped, only when it has been satisfactorily revised and repaired. For the smallest favors let us be thankful.

The Bishops.

In the personnel of this great body the

In the personnel of this great body the most conspicuous figures are the bish-ops. They are peerless as presiding officers. With so large and so lively a body to hold in check, they need to have their wits about them and to keep the their wits about them and to keep the same constantly on tap. Fortunately these men have had large experience. In the quadrennium just closed some of the bishops have presided over more than 293 sections of annual conferences. It so happens, too, that those who have met the largest number of these in the last four years are the bishops who were elected nearly a quarter of a cen-tury ago. That these men should still be causable of se much hard work is a were elected nearly a quarter of a cen-tury ago. That these men should still be capable of so much hard work is a fact which fits in most happily with that tenacity of life which, since the death of Bishop Harris nine years ago,

From early child-hood until I was grown may family apent a fortune trying to cure me of this disease. I visited Hot Springs and was treated by the best medical men, but was not benefited. When all things had FOM failed I determined to FROM for the try S.S.S. and in four The terribis eczema was gone, not a sign of it left. My general health built up, and I have never had any return of the disease. I have often CHUDHOOD and the committee of the try the

has kept the existing board without a break. This is an astonishing record, in which, or course, the whole church rejoices, stinduarh aspirants for episco-pal vacancies and it somewhat incon-venient.

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quite his equal in a genius for administration.

Hishop Hurst is stately and dignified, as we might naturally expect in one whose readence is at the capital of the nation. If his face were turned upside down the pointed chin beard would form the apex of a very symmetrical pyramid, and lif the great American university he is building shall rest upon as good a foundation as that pyramid, and have an apex as perfectly trimmed, it will be a great monument indeed. Bishop Ninde is the saint of the board. He has one of the mildest of faces, yet there is no trace of weakness in it—a seraphic man, somewhat abstracted in look, as a saint might well be, but always ready saint might well be, but always ready for business and a model preacher. Foss and Fowler.

While Bishop Foss succeeds to the residence and to a measure of the gentleness of Simpson, the personal appearance of that great bishop is increasing-ly reflected as the years pass in Bishop ly reflected as the years pass in Bisnop Walden, who, by the way, is fulfilling the prediction of Bishop Wiley, that he would prove to be one of the most practical and useful men on the board. Bishop Mailaileu represents admirably the stallwart principles of New England. He was the first ever elected to the Episcopacy with an unshaven upper lip, and until that time it was an article of Methodist faith that a moustache was a sort

stalwart principles of New England. He was the first ever elected to the Episcopacy with an unshaven upper IIp, and until that time it was an article of Methodist faith that a moustache was a sort of bar over which it would be impossible for any man to leap into this high office. But Bishop Mailalleu went in, bar and all, and since then two others have done the same.

If the X rays were turned upon the top of Bishop Fowler's head they would meet with little obstruction from any hiraute adornment, but would discover an abundance of gray matter on the inside, for it is common to speak of him as the brainiest man on the board. Bishop Joyce has a stalwart frame and a head to match, with that straightforward brotherliness in administration, and fervor in sacred address, which mark him as a stalwart man throughout. Bishop Vincent is a capilyating speaker, with a large initiative capacity, a fine intellectual brain and a big pull of the best kigd with religious people outside the pale of his own church. Bishop Merrill as a great constitutional lawyer. He is one of two bishops wearing a full beard—all the others try to improve on nature, with more or less success. Bishop Newman has a Websterian face and head, with marked intellectual development, very bushy eyebrows and the bearing of a man of high distinction; while the good 800 avordupols of Bishop Goodsell sidistributed over so ample a frame and topped off with such a genial and expressive countenance that his material weight serves admirably to advertise an altogather weighty personality.

The two missionary bishops are a little lower in dignity, some think; certainly then of great missionary bishops are also demanded in Chilne and Europe. It is not unlikely than the forces of the Wicked One, has served twelve years as bishop of Africa, and Bishop Thoburn—an indominable, statesmanishe character, less rugged than Taylor, but equally the more of the will be acceded to. Very likely, also, there will be four bishops added to the force at home. But to be certain as to t

also, there will be four bishops added to the force at home. But to be certain as to these things we must wait until pext week when the committee on episcopacy will report. Then, the first day of the week following, viz., May 18th, the elections will begin. By that time the woman question will be quite out of sight, buried completely by the new excitement of a new battle of ballots.

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